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LAND FOR SALE – Pursuant to the last will and testament of Redmon Foster, deceased, we shall offer for sale, upon the premises, on the 12 day of October, 1849, that valuable tract of land called “COMPTON.” It is situated within two miles of Brentsville, the county seat of Prince William County, and contains from 675 to 700 acres is distant from Alexandria 30 miles, from Occoquan 17 miles, and is considered equal to any farm in the county. It lies upon sides of Broad Run, a never failing stream, and is divided into five or six fields, so arranged as to give access to the run. The fencing is in good repair, and not endangered by high water. The farm holds out great inducements for grazing. Several hundred acres are now well set in clover, timothy, and blue grass, the latter of several years standing. There is upon the premises a DWELLING HOUSE, upon a commanding eminence, with several rooms down stairs, a kitchen adjoining, which with some repairs might be rendered comfortable. Also a granary, corn house, and stables. There is an abundance of timber and fire-wood to support it. There is also a copper-mine upon it, which holds out inducements to miners, having been opened to some extent.

Also another tract supposed to contain 125 acres, called “SPILLER’S NECK”, upon it are valuable low grounds on Broad run; also another tract called the “TRACT LOT,” containing 600 acres to which a fertile Island can be added, binding upon Broad Run with a sufficiency of fire wood, with a good portion of bottom land upon it; also another tract called “SMITHFIELD” containing 160 and one half acres: with a Dwelling House, and a sufficiency of timber and fire-wood; also another tract called PLEASANT VALLEY” containing 160 and one half acres with a superabundance of timber and fire wood. These tracts all lie adjacent to each other and combined would make a desirable farm. They will be sold separately or together as may suit purchasers. They all lie in sight of Brentsville. Possession can be given at once of “COMPTON,” and of the other tracts in time for fall seeding. The title is unquestionable.

The terms are one third in hand and the residue upon a credit of 1,2, and 3 years in equal annual payments, with interest, to be secured by bonds with approved personal security and deeds of trust to secure the deferred payments.

Mr. Lipscomb lives near the premises, who will show them to any persons desiring it. The proposed railroad from Alexandria to Gordonsville, now in progress of survey, will, it is supposed, pass within a convenient distance of these farms.

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Prince William County